

# Patricia Driscoll

**Patricia Noel Driscoll**<sup>[2]</sup> (17 December 1927 – 2 January 2020) was a British and Irish actress, who has appeared both on television and in films.<sup>[3][4][5][6][7][8][9]</sup>

## Television work

Trained as an actress at RADA,<sup>[4]</sup> Driscoll made her first television appearances in 1953 on *Whirligig* and then as a police sergeant in the series *Scotland Yard* in the episode "The Silent Witness" in 1954. From 1955 to 1957, she introduced *Picture Book*, a BBC Television series that appeared on Mondays as part of the *Watch with Mother* cycle and encouraged children to make things.<sup>[9]</sup> She had a catchphrase: "Do you think you could do this? – I am sure you could if you tried". Driscoll left *Picture Book* in 1957 to take over from Bernadette O'Farrell the part of Maid Marian opposite Richard Greene in the ITV series *The Adventures of Robin Hood* for 37 episodes in series 3 and 4.<sup>[3]</sup> Her place in *Picture Book* was taken by Vera McKechnie in a further series in 1962–63.

Driscoll's other numerous television appearances included:<sup>[3]</sup> *The Vise* (1958), *Hawaiian Eye* (1959), *Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse: Murder in Gratitude* (1959), *Danger Man* (1961 & 1964), *Second Time Around* (six episodes, 1974), *The Good Life*

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Driscoll in costume as Maid Marian

<b>Born</b>	17 December 1927 <div>South Kensington, London, England<sup>[1]</sup></div>
<b>Died</b>	2 January 2020 <div>(aged 92)</div> <div>Kent, England</div>
<b>Occupation</b>	<u>Actress</u>
<b>Years active</b>	1953–2009
<b>Spouse</b>	<u>Duncan Lamont</u> <div>(m. 1950; died 1978)</div>
<b>Children</b>	2

(1977), *Kidnapped* (mini-series, 1978), and *Into The Labyrinth* (1981). One of her last roles used her voice in an animation called *Bye-Bye Bin Laden* (2009).

## Filmography

Year	Film	Role	Director	Other players
1955	<i>Timeslip (1955 film)</i> - ('The Atomic Man', US title)	X-ray assistant	<u>Ken Hughes</u>	<u>Gene Nelson</u>
1956	<i>Charley Moon</i>	Rose	<u>Guy Hamilton</u>	<u>Max Bygraves</u>
1958	<i>Dial 999 (TV series)</i> ('Fashions in Crime', episode)	Det. Sgt. Ann Hawkins	<u>Terence Fisher</u>	<u>Zena Marshall</u>
1959	<i>Woman's Temptation</i>	Betty	<u>Godfrey Grayson</u>	<u>Robert Ayres</u>
1959	<i>The Child and the Killer</i>	Peggy	<u>Max Varnel</u>	<u>Robert Arden</u>
1960	<i>The Wackiest Ship in the Army</i>	Maggie	<u>Richard Murphy</u>	<u>Jack Lemmon</u>

## Personal life and death

Driscoll was married to British actor Duncan Lamont until his death from a heart attack at the age of 60 in 1978. He too had appeared in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. They had two children together.

She died in Kent on 2 January 2020, at the age of 92.<sup>[10][11]</sup>

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